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L O N D O N .

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To the reader.



Vere it as pcellous to deale cardes at play,
As it is quarellous to deale bookes this day,
One and forty men, among one and fyfty,
Wold flee one and thirtie, to flee one vnthyrtie.
And yet cardes so dealt should haue, in reuealyng,
Foredeale of bookes in this harde tyme of dealyng.
Cardes be tosted on but on the tione syde:
Bookes on both sydes: in all places porde and pryde.
Not to content, but to contend, vpon spvall
Of least tittle, that can come in tryall.
If the best wyter to wyte be muche afrayde,
More may I (the woozt) by fearefull feare be stayde.
And were not this one thyng, feare shoulde stay me so,
That booke or ballet, I neuer durst wyte mo.
In all my symple wyptynge neuer ment I,
To touche any pryuate person displeasantly.
Nor none do I touche here: by name, but onely one,
Which is my selfe: whom I may be holde vpon.
This ment in my makynge, syns proole deth declare,
I pray you readers to scan this, by this square.
As I, for myrth, myrly dyd make it,
So you, in myrth, myrly will take it.

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Of weenyng and wottinge. 1.

Wise men in olde tyme, wold weene the selues fooles,
 Fooles now in newe tyme, will weene the selues wise,
 Weene wise, and wot wise differ in wise schooles :

To weene them selues wise, when fooles so deuple,
 As foolyshe as frutelesse, is thenterpysle.

This case is thus adiudgde, in wisdomes schoole:
 who weenth him selfe wise, wisdom wotth him a fool.

Made by John Heywood to these fooles everychone,

And made of John Heywood, whē he weenth him selfe
 (none,

Of a man of lawe and his clientes. 2.

Twentie clientes to one man of lawe,

For counsell in twentie matters did drawe.

Eche one prayng at one instant to speede,

As all at once wolde haue speede to proceede:

Freendes all (quoth the learned man) ile speake with none.

Till one barber haue shauen all, one by one.

To a barber they went all togyther :

And kepng shauen, they returnde againe thither.

Pe haue (quoth the lawyer) taryde longe hence.

Sir (quoth one) twentie coulde not be shauen sence

Of one barber, for ye well vnderstande,

One barber can haue but one shauing hande.

For one lawyer (quoth he) but one talkyng tung

Learne client, this lesson of this lawyer spung.

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**Like as the barber, one after one must haue,
So clientes of counsaillours, counsaile must haue.**

An aduise against mockyng. 3.

**Wise to thy true freende no derision.
If thy freende spie it, he takth it payson.
Though thy freend dissemble thespyll cleerely,
Yet spyde in a freende, it toucheth him neerely.
Tellyng thy freende his faute, mockyng him not,
If he thanke the not, then is he a sot.**

Of itchyng and smartyng. 4.

**Ptchyng and smartyng, both towtch vs at quicke.
When we ptche, we scratch : when we smart, we kicke.
But in our kyckyng at our present smarte,
Let vs consyder our sozmer desarte.**

Of a sharpe tunge. 5.

**Wylle, I perceiue thy tunge was made at Egetware.
He sayd, and yours made at Kaylpe, harde by thare.**

Of a horse. 6.

**A Tylte horse, alias a beere horse to bee,
Whiche woldest thou bee? a beere horse I say to thee.
When the horse is seene cheerely to drawe the beere,
He is so prayse, that he may be proude to beere.**

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**At Tytle when the horse runthe as fast as he can,
All crye well runne, not to the horse, to the man.
And if the horse fall with the man ouerlade,
Then crye they all, a vengeance on that lame side.**

Of a butler and a horse. 7.

**The butler and the beere horse both be lyke one.
They drawe beere bothe : that is a truth to hyde one.
Bothe drawe beere in deede, but yet they dyffer Tones :
The butler drawth & drinkth beere, the horse drinkth none.**

Of brasse. 8.

**I perceiue well now that brasse is wahren proude,
Because brasse so muche with syluer is aloude.
And beyng both toynde, sins they most by brasse stande,
That makth brasse bolde, to stande on the vpper hande.**

Of a lounes dwellinge place. 9.

**Were thou a lounce & shouldst chose one dwelling place,
Whether woldest thou dwell, hauing choise in this case,
In mens bygge breeches, or in womens thicke ruffes :
I would be, both for the plates and stufes,
In sommer with women, in winter with men.
In sommer the womans necke pleasant then,
In wynter the mans breeche is close and warme.
Large walks for lye to walke warme without harme.
Galleries, gable endes, chambers, parlors, halles,
Colde froste to defende, a dosen double walles.**

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Som seeld, som hangd, som bide, som painted, som staid,
Rents of all syle, great and small rentes retaid.
And when by lonce bytyng, the legge is itchyng,
The barres of mens breeches haue such stryg kitching,
Such bolstring, such brydyng, let men stare & stampe,
The lonce is as safe there, as he were in a campe.
In wynter I say these breeches are alone.
But then in sommer let the lonce thens be gone,
For feare of a plague: if he then thither gette,
A thousande to one, he shall dye of the swette.

Of a straunge glasse. 10.

Good god what a glasse to betwe is this?
See what an vnlyghtly sight here is.
Great promyse, small perfozmance.
Great countenaunce, small continuance.
Great wyunnyng, small sauyng.
Great hoppng, small hauyng.
Great hyues, small honte.
Great purses, small monie.
Great gappes, small bushes.
Great speares, small pushes.
Great wyne, small water.
Great woozds, small mater.
Great botome, small bynke.
Great brywyng, small bynke.
Great rent, small place.
Great space, small grace.
Great dypte, small thypste.
Great gyfte, small thypste.

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Great watchyng, small catchyng.
Great patchyng, small matchyng.
Great blood, small bzuite.
Great flowers, small frutte.
Great wooddes, small okes.
Great staues, small strokes.
Great hennes, small egges.
Great hofe, small legges.
Great studie, small arte.
Great desyre, small desarte.
Great geuyng, small takyng.
Great marryng, small makyng.
Great shippes, small saylyng.
Great losse, small awaylyng.
Great markyng, small myndyng.
Great seekyng, small fyndyng.
Great lawyng, small lounyng.
Great sturryng, small mounyng.
Great sowpyng, small growpyng.
Great trowpyng, small knowpyng.
I trowe so great yll, and so small good,
In one glasse together, neuer stood.

Of drynyng and drawing. 11.

If thou must be forthe forth to take forney quicke,
Whether woldst thou be dryue forth, or drawne forth dicke:
I wolde be dryuen forth Iacke: for as doth appeere,
Drawyng and hangyng drawe vengeable neere.
I thynke it lesse yll Iacke, haupyng choyle in scope,
To be dryuen with the whyp, then drawne to the rope.

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Of longe Jutes. 12.

**Jutes hange halfe a yere in westminster hall,
At Tyburne, halfe an howres hangyng endeth all.**

Of lightnesse. 13.

**Nothyng is lighter then a feather, Wytte,
Bes climme: what light thyng is that: thy light wytte.**

Of a disagreement. 14.

**Eche one man welnie salth out with another,
And lykewyse eche thyng disagreeeth with other.
Namely malte and water, these two thynges are
So far faine a sunder, by scoynesfull square,
That no bzuer, be he lustie oz lyther,
Dare couth malte and water, in house togyther.
But chiesly lowze water now beareth suche sway,
That, swete malt from bzewhouse, water dzuth away.**

Of cheapnyng of Conies. 15.

**Jane thou sellst swete conies in this pultry shoppe:
But none so swete as thy selfe, swete conye moppe.
What is the pryce of thee: forsooth she tolde,
At what pryce so ever my selfe shalbe solde,
Strange is the hearpyng, for ware oz for monye,
To heare a woodcocke cheape a conye.**

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Of a wyse hauynge childe. 16.

My wyfe hath a childe now at fowze scoze and ten.
At fowze scoze & ten yeres? nay freend, nay: what then?
At fowze scoze and ten quarters of a pere I ment.
Ment ye so? and I ment yeres. by whiche extent
Your wyfe might seeme your mother: but now I smel,
You may seeme your wyues father wonderfoole wel.

Of a bachiler and a mayde. 17.

Is that bachiler a wooer to that mayde?
The commons common so: tys commonly sayde,
Where dwelth that bachiler: wyde a bowe of bydetwel.
Where dwelth that mayde: at broken wharfe: very wel.

Of shorte payment. 18.

Thy better wyll paie the shortly: shortly?
He wyll make that short lye, a long lye, dread I.

Whence certaine thinges came first. 19.

Whens come great breeches? from little wistam.
Whens come gret ruffes: fro smal brainsewth thei came.
Whens come these round berdingleas: fro square thrist.
Whens come deepe copped hattes: from shallow thist.
Whens come brawedged gardes? from the towne of eall.
Whens come brcomde starpng beades: from the deuil.
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Whens come these womens scarls : from folly John.
Whens come their glittering spangs : frō much wāton.
Whens come persumde gloues : from Curlositee.
Whens come syne trapt myples : from superfluitee.
Whes come roynde crooked toes : frō short shapē shoone.
Whens come wilde hie lookers : frō misomer moone.
Whens come sayze painted faces : from painters tooles.
Whens come all these : from the bītar of sāmct fooles.

Of furred and lyned gownes.

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(threedes.

Thicke furd gownes woꝛne in sōmer, shew bare woꝛne
Thin līnde gownes woꝛne in wīnter, com frō s. needes.

Of a wyne drawer.

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Drawer, thy wyne is even wīth thee now I see :
Thou persyste the wyne, and the wyne persisth thee.

Shorte checkes betweene a man and his wife.

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I am carefull to see thee carlesse, Iyll :
I am wofull to see the wytles, wayll.
I am anguyshte to see the an ape, Iyll :
I am angry to see the an asse wayll.
I am fressyng to see the slye from me, Iyll :
I am soꝛy to see the seeke to me, wayll.
I am madde to see the mate thy husbande, Iyll :
I am sad to see the sklaunder thy wyfe, wayll.
I am dumpyshe to see the play the drabbe, Iyll :
I am knappysh to see the plase the knaue, wayll.

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Of a woman deckt in two coloures, 23.

My honny bes, blacke & white both set the out netts.
Thy here whyte as perle, thy teeth blacke as letts.

Of vnsweete breath. 24.

Thine vnsauery breath lacketh salte, beale belfabubbe:
It hath tane to much wynde in the poundyng tubbe.
Thy breath, hodge, with salte is so saury to smell,
That no seasonyng lyckour, can season it well.

Of clippynge and clensynge. 25.

Not clippynge your beards, why clipp you your nassles?
Not komyng your heades, why wype you your tassles?
These beyng superfluous thyngs euery chone,
Kombe, clip, or clense all: or clip or clense none.

Of a man and his wyues departynge. 26.

Wisse I will go abrode. wylle ye take the payne?
Beete: but whē the diuell will ye come in agayne?
Makst thou me a diuell: nay then be out of dout,
The diuell will come in, whē the diuels dame goth out.

An accounte of a mans children. 27.

Wylle, of ten babes betwene vs by encrease growne,
Thou sayst I haue but nyne. no mo of your owne.

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Of all thynges encresyng, as my conscience lythe,
The parson must needes haue the tenth for the tythe.

Of a woman of Huntington. 28.

Where dwelst thou Sps? I dwel at huntington nowe.
Lyke so, for thou lookst lyke a newe hunted sowe.
Where dwelst thou Sym? at hammer smith dwell I.
A meete soyle for thee? for hammer hed is hard by.

Of a laundres. 29.

A lyke laundres to the, neuer sawe I.
Thy clothes washte but once a weeke commonly,
Thy selfe washte once in an houre vsually.
And yet eche weekes ende doth this thus trye,
Thy clothes euer wette, thy selfe euer drye.

Of a cutter of purslane. 30.

This herbe purslane thou cutst prettily I see:
But to cut a purse in a lane, none lyke thee.

Of one standyng in his owne conceite. 31.

He standeth well in his owne conceyte eche man tels,
So had he neede, for he standth in no mans els.

Of one that harde without eares. 32.

I see men heare, though they eares haue none.
Thou doste heare me speake, thyne eares beyng gone.

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Of an archers ronyng. 33.

What a shotte shootes he with a ronyng arrowe?
Styll he byttt the marke, be it wyde or narrowe.
Where shooteth this sharpe shooting archer most, wyll?
He shooteth most at roners on shooters byll.

Of perill to one by the number of three. 34.

In thy hande I see, thy fortune shalbe suche,
That the number of thre shall danger the muche.
Thre bedfelowes in thy bed shall displease thee,
Thre lyce in thy humme breeche shall oft disease thee:
Thre cuppes full at once shall ofte dysguyse thee,
Thre bearers of thee home shall ofte dyspyse thee:
Thre drynkes, wyne, ale, & beere, shall overflowe thee,
Thre toystlers in one sygne shall overthrow thee:
Thre tomes in thre yeres shal wonderfly weare thee,
Thre she beares those thre yeres, shal al tozare thee:
But in thynges numbred by thre, above all these,
Blis thee thre thousand times, fro frame of thre trese.

Of Gloria patri. 35.

Dicke, I meruaile muche, why in every plat,
Gloria patri standth befoze Sicut erat.
Tom, Gloria patri is a gentylman:
In pleasant speache, speake so sweetely no tunge can.
Sicut erat is a churle so rude and plaine,
That to heare hym speake, all degrees do disdaine.

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Of a dyar. 36.

Is thy husband a diar woman? alacke,
 Had he no collour to die the on but blacke?
 Dieth he oft: ye, to oft when rustomers call,
 But I wolde haue him one day, die once for all,
 Where he gone, diar wolde I neuer mo wed,
 Diars be euer dyng, but neuer ded.

Of a Jugg. 37.

Pot him Jacke: pot him Jacke: nay pot him Jugg.
 To pot the dzunkarde, the Jugg is the dugg.

Of the three cuppes. 38.

(Thone.
 wbers thine In John? at the three cuppes in bzedstrete
 At thzee cuppes in bzeadstrete: well let bzead alone.
 At those three cuppes when euer thou dines oz suppes,
 Ere thou goe to bed, thou hast in all thy cuppes.

Of brasse and Iron. 39.

Brasse and olde Iron who brought those two togyther?
 Brasse thinketh scozne to see them brought so hyther.
 Olde Iron is rously and rotten to be we,
 Brasse with syluer saire blanncht and polyste newe:

Otherwyse.

Brasse saide to olde Iron with brasse perkyng late,
 Wacke ye kancered karle, ye be not my mate.

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**the brasse (quoth Iron) plattines is most talow,
I shewe as I am: and so doost not thou.**

Of Jacke and John. 40

**Jacke and John in degree dyffer farre brother,
Jacke dawne is one, master John dawne is another.**

Of wrestlinge. 41.

**Where we wrestled by couples, we wrestle alone:
And shall, tyll tyme our shakel'd breeches be gone,
In steppynge and strydyng it is a wonder,
How we wrestle to get our legges a sunder.**

Of pryde. 42.

**If thou wylt nedes be proud, marke this freend mine:
Of good deedes be not proud: they are not thine.
But when thou plaiest the knave in yll deedes growne,
Be proud of those yll deedes: they are thyne owne.**

Of one hanged. 43.

**What faute had he done that was hangde yesterday?
Of any faute done by him I can nought say.
Two or thre two peny tryfles were layd to hym,
But, his sayre gay hangde house, man, did vndo hym.
Here is tyt for tat measure met very trym:
First he hagd his house, now his house hath hangd hym.**

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Of a debtar. 44.

Doth your masterthippe remember your dette to mee?
Remember my dette: ye freende, I warrant thee:
I remember it so, that though I say it,
Ile neuer forget it, no: neuer pay it.

Of louinge of a goose. 45.

A goose, greene or gray whiche louest thou better?
A greene goose: for it is farre the swetter.
Loue both as thy selfe, for as p:ooofe sheweth ryle,
Thou art and hast bene a goose, all thy lyfe.

Otherwyse.

Thou louest a goose to much: ware surfet else.
I neuer sawe goose yet, lyke thee, loue him selfe:

Of harpe stringes. 46.

Which string in al the harpe woldest thou styll harpe on.
Not the base, I wyll be none vnderlyng, John.
No: the standyng tenno: : for styffe standyng.
No: the treble: for feare of to hve hangyng.
No: the counter tenno: : for cuntryng to long.
Vppon what harpe string then woldest thou harpe thy song:
Aboue all stringes, when we shall fall to harpyng,
The harp string to harp on, is the meane harp string.

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Of Fortune. 47.

Take thy fortune as it saith, some adviseeth;
But I wolde sayne take fortune as it riseth.

Of choyse. 48.

Choyse is good in most things folke say, in which choyse,
For choyse of one of two thinges, thou maist reioyce:
No man alwie lyke thee franke choyse can haue,
To play the knauythe toole, or the foolythe knave.

Of a false bragger. 49.

I was neuer but an honest man.
But out that but, and thou saist trouth than.

Of lying and true sayinge. 50.

Wayse, the people are disposed all to lye:
For thou art commended, vniversallye.
May say: the people to tell trouth, are all bolde,
For you are discommended of younge and olde.

Of a dawne pate. 51.

Thou arte a very dawne pate, as euer I sawe.
But, in deede the pate is chiefe parte of a dawne:
For when dawnes shall appere in any roste,
Of al those dawnes parts, their dawne pates be moste.

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Of water and wyne. 52.

Thou makst curtsy to washe hands with water of mine,
Makynge no curtsy to washe thy mouth with my wyne.
But I pray the make this change in this matter:
More curtsy at my wyne, and lesse at my water.

Betwene dogges and a deere. 53.

Set malles asyde: sayd a bucke to a greyhounde,
Beware of pryde: sayd that dogge to that deere.
Be patient in trouble: a hounde sayd rounde,
Louyng aduysse to this deere this byd appeere.
In which counsell geuen, to kyll him they run neere.
Whiche counsell amounth to this every man seeth,
Comfozt him with their tungen, kyll him wth their teeth.

Of twelue and one. 54.

It is twelue a clocke: syz tys more, well ny one,
Is one more then twelue? thats a reason alone.
Sir when the date to after noone both amounte,
One is more then twelue, by our sextens accounte.

Of verdingales. 55.

Alas poore verdingales must lye in the streete:
To house them, no doore in the citee made meete.
Syns at our narrow doores they in can not wyn,
Send them to Drorde, at Byrdgales to get in.

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Preceptes of a man to his wyfe.

56.

Stande still wyfe, I wyll:
Be still wyfe, I nyll.
Now barke wyfe, I wyll.
To warke wyfe, I nyll.
Droue me wyfe, I wyll:
Loue me wyfe, I nyll.
Now chat wyfe, I wyll:
Leaue that wyfe, I nyll.
Keepe chayne wyfe, I wyll:
Speake fayre wyfe, I nyll.

Of a man expert.

57.

Is he such an expert man: an expert man:
But out that ex, and no man more expert than.

Of deliuerance from yll.

58.

Wyfe, from al euyl, when shalt thou deliuered bee:
Sir, when I (said she) shalbe deliuered from thee.

Of cuttyng of the herbe tyme.

59.

All tymes of the day to night from the prynte,
Thou gardner wylt not leaue cuttyng of tyme.
Thou wylt neuer leaue cuttyng of tyme, I see,
I'll suche tyme, as tyme, shall in tyme cutte of thee.

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Of one fearynge the swette. 60.

**Sweatyng sicknes so feareth thou beyonde the marke,
That wynter or sommer thou neuer sweatst at warke.**

Of one thinkinge on an other. 61.

**When both your mastershyppe thinke on me: euer,
When doe you thinke vpon my matter: neuer.
For ye remember, my matter ye forget:
Remembrance and forgetfulnesse, is wrong set.
For I wolde wishe you rather, if it might bee,
To remember my matter, and forget mee.**

Of one beyng at a poynte. 62.

**Is he at a poynte with his creditors: yee.
For he is not woozth a poynte they all see.**

Of Testons. 63.

**Testons be gone to Oxforde, god be their speede:
To studie in Brasennose there to proceede.**

Of redde Testons. 64.

**These Testons looke redde: how lyke you the same:
Tys a token of grace: they blushe for shame.**

Of stampyng. 65.

We stape crabs, we stamp testons: which staping doone,
 we stare vppon Testons now beyond the moone.
 Which stampyng of Testons brought it not some skyll,
 Our staryng on Testons coulde iudge them but yll.
 But as the whot sunne melteth snowe away,
 So shall whotte fyre melt colde Testons, as folke say.
 We, for Testons leauyng scoldyng and squaryng.
 And on Testons leauyng stampyng and staryng.

Of John longe the carier. 66.

Of what length is John longe the carier pratt?
 A quarter of a pere longe. how prouest thou that?
 Thertene weekes past he shuld haue brought me a wat:
 But yet longe John, John long: wth that wat comth nat.
 Whereby I John Short, am as short to compare,
 As John longe by this length is longe to declare.
 For as John longe lurkth to longe this wat to fet,
 So I John Short leape to short this wat to get.

Of turninge. 67.

Wilt thou vse turners craft skyll: ye by my trooth.
 Much thurst and most surety in turners craft growth.
 Halfe turne or whole turne, where turners be turning,
 Turnyng keepes turners from hangyng and burning.

Of master Carter. 68.

Is that gentlemen's name master Carter : ye.
How his name and conditions differ now se.
So cunning, so comely, so curtesie, so kynde,
So gentle a gentleman in eche mans mynde.
That all men are stricken in pytfull wonder,
To see master Carter and the carte asunder.

Of goynge farre. 69.

As he gothe farre that neuer doth turne him backe,
So gothe thou farre wyde : thou neuer turnst agayne.
Wher y goest, or what thou doste, come luck come lacke,
Thy selfe or thy matters sooth they go awayne.
To turne againe no counsaile can the restrayne.
Except thy wyll shall shewe thy wytte in the wane,
Fynde meanes to take a house in turne agayne lane.

How money is made lame. 70.

Money, with couetousnesse thou dost rest so,
That lacke of vse doth lame thee : thou canst not go.
With prodigaltee thou trudgett so fast,
That excesse of to much exercise, doth lame the at last,
These two being lame letts of extremittees,
Where woldst thou be lotted to be from both thess :
With lyberaltee wolde I be the meane.
With lyberaltee : nay he is gone cleane.

Of an olde wooer. 71.

Lady I loue you, in may you to wed :
 But myne age with your youth disagreeth so,
 That if I speake: I thinke not to be sped.
 Your age in your sute, is no whyt your so,
 To your yerres many, had ye many mo.
 We wolde wed the sooner by yerres, shewing playne,
 That I should the sooner be brwed agayne.

Of a yonge wooer. 72.

I brought the late an olde ryche wydowe to woo :
 wher I mightst haue had, but nought woldest thou the doo:
 No: nought canst thou do now: thist and thou art od.
 For now lieth she speechles at mercy of god.
 For the mercy of god byng me now to hir :
 I neuer sawe meete tyme: tyll now, to woo hir.

Of weaknesse and strength. 73.

Weakenes & strength, here sholest thou both in ptece,
 Thou art a weake man, and yet a strong theese.

Warning of pryde. 74.

Beware of pryde, sayst thou to mee.
 Let pryde, say I, beware of thee.
 In euery place thou doost so watche him,
 That if pryde sturre, thou wylt sure cathe him.

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Of patience. 75.

**Be patient in trouble. how can that bee
Whis out of trouble nothyng pleaseth thee.**

Of pleasynge. 76.

**Be glad to please, pra be glad to please brother.
But whom: please thy selfe, see thou please none other.**

Of a hande goonne and a hande. 77.

**Thou hast a good handgoonne: but whats thy hand
When thou shootst of, out of daunger to stand,
No standyng more sure in any place or plat,
Then to stande close to the marke thou shootst at.**

Of brasse and syluer. 78.

**Brasse hath beene alofte, with syluer set vp.
Come downe brasse and dypnke on an ashen cup.**

Of difference betwene wyse men and fooles. 79.

**Betwene wyse men and fooles, amonge thinges many.
This one differth. when both sortes get things any,
Whiche to their pleasures are pleasantly alloud,
Of those things wonn, wise me are glad, fooles be proud.**

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Of a pithie wytte.

80.

Good god, what a pythy wytt hast thou dicke :
The pyth of thy woordes so deepe and so tricke,
Thy woordes so pythily pearse to the quicke,
Pyth of no woordes agaynst thy woordes may kycke,
No more then the pyth of a goonstone may prycke,
Agaynst the pythy pyth of an elder stycke.

Of choise to be a wise man or a foole.

81.

A wyse man or a foole : if thou must be one,
Which woldst thou be in wynter, John : a foole I hone.
Where best men in wynter syt next fyre from colde,
Here stand the foole warme while all his tales be tolde.
Which woldst thou be in sommer, when winter is gon :
A foole. a foole, why : that why sheweth herebyon.
In sommer when states syt from fyre in the coole,
At that boordes end in coole aye there stands the foole.
Winter and sommer what tyme men must to worke,
Which woldst thou be : a foole to loke on and lurke.
All tymes of the yere for one thyng or other,
Better be a foole then a wyse man brother.

Of a knyghtes carterly collar.

82.

I had this carter byng my collar of golde :
And he byngth me my horse collar, holde knave holde.
For if I may speake my thought without fearyng,
This collar of both sheweth best for your wearyng.

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Of males and male horses. 83.

Of all horse, a male horse wolde I not bee.
 Where he erst bare one male, now berth he thre.
 Those are one behynde and one on eche syde,
 The man, who on the male horse doth ryde,
 Werth on eche legge, one male. for his sloppes are:
 Eche one loppe one male (kyndely to declare.)
 Longe, round, wyde, weightie as a male eche one.
 But all horse are now male horses everythone.
 For every one horse, bearth two males at leaste.
 Of male horse and male men, frends herse a leaste.

A man discommended. 84.

Not once a yere ought seene in the to alove.
 Not once a yere thy knee to god doost thou bowe.
 Not once a yere openest thou thy lyppes to pray.
 Not once a yere shouldest thou goodnesse any way.
 Not once a yere geuiste thou almes to the poore,
 Not once a yere doost thou repent thee therfore.
 But all tymes a yere thou woldest all vnderstood,
 Thou neuer doost repent, but when thou doost good.

Of runnyng. 85.

In poosse haste run hoozelson run. art thou here yet?
 Shall I run out of bzeath? nay run out of thy wgt.

Of pollinge. 86.

Our heads grow to long, god geue our barbers curses.
Our barbers polle no heads, our barbers polle purses.

Of plate lent forth. 87.

Where is thy plate : lent out to a marriage.
Whither : to saint need, to whom : to master gage.

Of a man of lawe and his wife. 88.

You beyng a pleader at lawe exelente,
Yet hath your wyfe brought you to an exigente.
Say hir to let fall thaction at lawe now,
Or els, so god helpe me, she wyll outlawe you.

Of pennes and pence. 89.

Pennes and pence, differ far in proportion.
The penny flat and round, the pen straight and long.
And yet for aydes, in case of extortion,
Pennes and pence are lyke in woorkyng of wrong.

Of a womans thynnetung. 90.

I neuer sawe wyfe lyke thynne for this thynge : dicke,
Hir tung wondrous thin, & hir speech wondrous thicke.
Tom, I haue spent much in baine since she was yong,
To haue hir thicke speeche as thynne as hir tong.

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It is the tunge of tinges : dicke, for rummyng rounde;
I take the tpype for syluer : by the thyll sounde.
It bath, I trow, a shakynge sharpe sounde in the eare,
But it is no syluer, wolde god it weare.

Of drynkyng to a man. 91.

I drinke to the John, nay thou drinkest fro me John.
When y drinkest to me, drinke for me thou leuest none.

Of runnyng at Tylte. 92.

We apply the spygot, tyll tubbe stande a tylte.
He, ren at the spygot tylt, leane the speare tilte y tylte.

Of expence. 93.

What may he spend: ten pound a yere he might spede.
If morgagde ? nay : no man wyll one peny lende
Upon it. If solde : nay, no man wyll bye it.
Then he holdth it : nay, he can not come nye it.
Why soole: how may he spend ten pound by yere than:
I said not he may, but he might spende it man.
Meanyng he might spend it, if he had it.
O, if he had it : a spy the diuell mad it.

Of fraying of babes. 94.

When do mothers fray their babes most from bugge.
When they put on blacke scarfs, & go lyke beate bugge.

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Of reedes and okes. 95.

Wyl you reedes at the winds toyl still make lobes becke?
Wyl you okes stand stiffe still while wind byteth your neck?
Wyl you reedes, like apes, still tucke & bowe & the loyn?
Wyl you okes, like asses, still stand stille at one poynt?
Wyl you reedes be still bendyng bowyng bodies?
Wyl you okes be still stoute & stiffe necked nobles?
Wyl you reedes be staggering still for hayne snaffles?
Wyl you okes be stern still til your tops kisse your talles?
Wyl you reedes shrinke still to all wyndes towardly?
Wyl you okes swell still at all wyndes frowardly?
Wyl you reedes crouch still to be the winds footstoolles?
Wyl you okes crake still to be the winds bes foolles?
Okes will doe as we haue done. so will we reedes.
Wherin for our purpose marke what end proceedes.
In eche one storme a thousand okes downe are blowne,
In a thousand stormes not one reede ouerthrowne.

Of buyng a mortar. 96.

That spyce mortar to sell it be you wyllyng?
Pea mistres: whats the pryce? ten shylling.
Ten shylling? freende: I am hyther entyled
To bye a spyce mortar, not a mortar spyled.

Of a stepmother. 97.

Thy fathers second wyfe, thy steppe mother,
For a steppe mother thers nat such an other.

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Where shee steps I saw hir steppe, syns she was wed,
From a Mayes foote, straght vp to thy fathers bed.

Of a lyar. 98.

Where doth frances fabler now lye, Jane?
At sygne of the whetstone in double tunge lane.
He lyeth by night: and by day dayly hee
Lyeth downe right, in that place so ever he bee.
That he lieth still day and night, this thing doth trye,
He neuer spebeth wooorde but it is a lye,

Of tinges and pynsons. 99.

One difference this is, on which our tinges may carpe,
Betwene pinching pynsons, & taunting tinges sharpe.
Where these two nyppers nyp any where or when,
Those pinsons nyp dead things, those tinges nyp quick
(men.)

Of Heywood. 100.

Art thou Heywood with the mad mery wylt?
He forsooth maister, that same is euen hylt.
Art thou Heywood that applieth myrth moze the thyrst?
He say, I take mery myrth a golden gyft.
Art thou Heywood that hath made many mad playes?
He many playes, fewe good woozkes in all my dayes.
Art thou Heywood that hath made men mery long?
He: and wyl, if I be made mery among.
Art thou Heywood that wolde be made mery now?
He say: helpe me to it now I beseeche you.

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